  
**Statistical Working Group  
Statistical Guidelines**

**CL\_DEG\_URB  
Code list for degree of urbanisation**

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**Name**: Code list for concept “Degree of urbanisation” (ID “DEG\_URB”).

**Description**: This code list provides coded information about the degree to which area is urbanised.

**Explanatory notes**: This concept is applied if data needs to be categorised by degree to which area is urbanised.

**Established international standard(s) used as input for the code list**: [A recommendation on the method to delineate cities, urban and rural areas for international statistical comparisons](https://ec.europa.eu/eurostat/cros/system/files/bg-item3j-recommendation-e.pdf) – endorsed March 2020 by the UN Statistical Commission.

**Recommended Codes**

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| **Code Id** | **Code Name** | **Code Description** | **Parent** |
| \_T | Total |  |  |
| URB | Urban area | Urban areas consist of cities plus towns and semi-dense areas.  At ESS (European Statistical System) level, the word “suburb” is used as synonym for “semi-dense area” |  |
| CITY | City | Densely populated area | URB |
| TSUB | Town and semi-dense area | Intermediate density area.  At ESS level, the word “suburb” is used as synonym for “semi-dense area” | URB |
| DTOW | Dense town | Large settlement | TSUB |
| STOW | Semi-dense town | Dense, medium settlement | TSUB |
| SUBU | Suburban or peri-urban area | Semi-dense area | TSUB |
| RUR | Rural area | Thinly populated area |  |
| VILL | Village | Small settlement | RUR |
| DISP | Dispersed rural area | Low density area | RUR |
| UNIN | Mostly uninhabited area | Very low density area | RUR |
| \_O | Other |  |  |
| \_U | No data/unknown |  |  |
| \_Z | Not applicable |  |  |

**Remarks**

Further recommended code values for expressing general statistical concepts can be found in section “Generic codes” of the "Guidelines for the creation and management of SDMX Cross-Domain Code Lists"[[1]](#footnote-1)

1. <https://sdmx.org/?page_id=4345%20-%20CodeListGuideline#CodeListGuideline> [↑](#footnote-ref-1)